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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRANSFER OF RESEARCH REACTOR AND FUEL FROM
U.S. TO MEXICO

REF: (A) STATE 207830 (NOTAL), (B) IAEA VIENNA 6508,

(C) IAEA VIENNA 6011

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AGENCY LETTER FORMALLY RE-
QUESTING, ON BEHALF OF MEXICO, THAT RESEARCH REACTOR
PROJECT MENTIONED REFTELS BE INCLUDED FOR CONSIDERATION
OF U.S. GIFT OFFER OF \$50,000 WORTH OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR
MATERIAL TO IAEA IN 1976, TO COVER ABOUT 3,330 GRAMS
OF 20 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM CONTAINED IN FUEL
ELEMENTS FOR RESEARCH REACTOR TO BE PROVIDED BY OREGON
STATE UNIVERSITY AS GIFT TO MEXICAN NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC
INSTITUTE. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THIS MATERIAL IS VALUED
AT APPROXIMATELY \$12,000. AGENCY LETTER POUCHED
AMMONS/ERDA AND ADLER/OES.

2. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SEVERAL OF OUR PROPOSED
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REVISIONS TO DRAFT AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN REF B

WERE MADE ON ASSUMPTION THAT TITLE TO RESEARCH REACTOR AND FUEL RESTED IN OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY. SINCE WE HAVE LEARNED THAT TITLE TO SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL CONTAINED IN FUEL STILL RESTS WITH ERDA, ALL REFERENCES TO ERDA AND "ADMINISTRATION" SHOULD BE REINSTATED IN DRAFT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING IN SIGNATURE LINE. CONSEQUENT CHANGE WITH RESPECT TO FUEL ELEMENTS IN SECOND PREAMBULAR PARA WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE PLUS ADDITION OF PARA IN TEXT RELATING TO U.S. GIFT OF SNM INVOLVED.

3. AS NOTED REF C, AGENCY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS TRANSACTION COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH SIMPLIFIED SINGLE AGREEMENT SUCH AS INFIRC/162 RATHER THAN SEPARATE PROJECT AND SUPPLY AGREEMENTS SUCH AS INFIRC/206. MISSION BELIEVES SINGLE AGREEMENT WOULD BE PREFERABLE, IF ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT/ERDA. MOREOVER, INFIRC/206 CONTAINS SEVERAL PROVISIONS WHICH ARE NOT RPT NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS CASE, SUCH AS SECTIONS 3, 4 AND 5. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED BY ERDA ON BEHALF OF USG, IN SAME MANNER AS SUPPLY AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN INFIRC/206.

4. IF U.S. INTENDS TO INSIST ON SEPARATE PROJECT AND SUPPLY AGREEMENTS, WE SHOULD INFORM AGENCY IMMEDIATELY, SINCE THIS COULD HAVE A BEARING ON HOW BG DOCUMENT IS DRAFTED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. STONE

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